

## Croft notes.

John Crofts - merchant of London, died July 23, 1709  
Chas. River + York Hampton Par. pg 15.

Members of Croft family resided in <sup>parishes</sup> adjoining <sup>Dorset</sup> ~~parishes~~  
in Warwick Co. Va. See. Wm Cole mar. Susannah  
dau of John Croft Esq. of Lancaster. John Crofts, Deputy  
to Geo. Sikes Esq. Naval Collector. In 1717 John Croft  
of Charleston Sc. gave power of attorney to wife  
Lady Katherine to administer estate of John Burtell  
in behalf of his two children Childermac + Abraham  
James Burtell's will at Hampton left property to  
Croft's sons - Ex. brother Edward + John Dudley Digges.  
Will pro. 1716.

Land grants:

Will of Tho. Croft of the Upper Parish of Isle of Wight -  
living wife Mary, son Thomas, son John, son Samuel  
dau Mary Crofts, dau Martha Brantley, dau Elizabeth  
Edwell(?) - Son Thomas + son Samuel all my land.

Tho. Hylliard

Oct 29, 1722

Michael Harris

July 24, 1727

Hugh Edwards

W. B. 3-34.



Will of Mary Briggs - to my dau Elizabeth Thraps  
30 pounds current money in hand of Ch. Bridge, to  
my dau Ann Craft, one pair of small stilliards  
& one smoothing iron; to my son Benjamin Bell  
& Elizabeth Thraps. (Thoyes) - Samuel Crafts, executor

James Betts

Mar. 21, 1726

Wm. Coggin

June 26, 1727

John Gueard

W. B. 3 - 33.

~~(Ann Crafts - a Bell or Briggs?)~~

Marriage Contract - James Briggs and Mary Bell widow - 1728  
G. B. 2-569

Joseph Atkinson of I of Wight, Tinner, to Samuel  
Craft, Planter a Tract of Land - 216 a. - May 25, 1732  
wit: Wm Dixon, W. Redgood.

Samuel Atkinson

1 of W. D. B. 4 - 175-6

Bond signed by W. Redgood, Wm Dixon & Tho. Craft

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Indenture, Sept 7, 1758. between Samuel Craft & Arthur  
Atkins both of Brunswick Co. - \$50 current money. - certain  
Tract in upper parish in Co. of I of Wight - 216 a  
adj the head of Wm Kempie line, formerly line of  
James Atkinson. - also another Tract or parcel of Land  
containing 300 a in the aforesaid parish & Co. and on the north  
side of the main Black water swamp, beginning at a  
Spanish oak, a corner of Wm Camps, & a corner of the rd  
Crafts other Land then - to a pine corner of Joseph  
Holliman - to Arthur Crocker, thence to a corner of Saml.  
Taylor's Land - to a corner of Tho. Moore - to Reuben Cooke's  
Land - to Solomon Stephenson signed Samuel Craft  
wit: Benj Pyne  
Wilcox Brantley  
Tho. Cole.

Ann Craft

1 of W. D. B. 10 - 30-32.



Winfield to Craft.

Indenture - May 5, 1743 between John Winfield of  
P. Geo Co. + Samuel Craft of P of W. Co. - 25 L. Cur.  
800 acres - 7 July 1726 by patent only 5 acres  
excepted which sd Winfield has given to John Wall  
to build a mill on.

wit: w<sup>m</sup> Atkitt: Saml Carroll  
Rich + Henckley  
Brunswick Co. - D.B. 2 - 272.

Ann wife of  
sd John Winfield witnesses  
doover. May 5, 1743

Persuant to an order of Brunswick Co. Ct bearing date  
22 day of April last, I have taken the depositions of  
Chas. King, Thomas Brown, Saml. Craft and Thomas  
Moore concerning the last will & Testament of Tho. Craft  
decd which was destroyed since the decease by fire as  
followeth, to wit.

Druery 8<sup>th</sup> 1744

Chas. King Sr. aged abt 60 yrs being sworn, saith  
that sometimes in 1751, he was at the house of Tho. Craft  
who was then very sick & like to die - upon which  
this deponent asked Elizabeth the wife of him the sd  
Tho. Craft if he had settled his affairs for that he  
believed he was not long for this world; it was  
answered that he had made his will, & thereupon  
the will was produced which this deponent read and  
sayeth to the best of his memory after the preamble  
was as followeth:

I give to Tho. Craft son of Samuel Craft, my  
common prayer book, my spelling book and the Book  
of Markam. - to be immediately delivered.

I give to my beloved <sup>wife</sup> Elizabeth Craft all the  
residue of my estate during her natural life  
and at her death to Tho. Craft the son of Samuel



if he be living, & if he be dead to the heirs of  
Benjamin, & I do make & ordain etc my loving  
(?) ~~Wife~~ Elizabeth Croft - sole executrix of this my last  
will & testament. - and so concluded with setting  
his hand & affixing his seal which was witnessed  
by Samuel Croft and Tho. Moore - this deponent  
further saith that sometimes after the sd testator  
departed this life and that he this deponent read  
over said will after his death and further this deponent  
saith not. Chas King Secy.

Signed & sworn before me This 21. June 1755-

Druy Stith.

Brunswick Co.

Tho. Brown, Samuel Croft sworn also Tho. Moore

Recorded 24 day June 1755- W. B. B. - 162

Know all men by These present that I John Croft  
of South Carolina do authorize & appoint my son  
Samuel Croft my lawful power of attorney to act & do  
in all cases with the same power & authority as I  
would do myself as witness my hand this eight  
day of Aug. 1754

John I Croft

w. Druy Stith

At a Court held for Brunswick  
Co. 29 Aug. 1754 - This letter of atty was read by  
oath of Druy Stith the witness thereunto & ordered  
to be recorded. Teste Seth Tazewell cl. ct.

Brunswick Co. N. Bk 5 - 609.



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## Croft notes

Thomas Croft to beloved wife Elizabeth negro  
Hannah + negro boy David + after death of my  
ed wife to be equally divided between my  
children Washington Croft and Elizabeth  
Sanier Croft Feb 6, 1771.

w. J. Saml. Bunch

Brunswick Co. Feb 23 1790 -

Henry Wall

This deed of gift passed by

Joseph Wall

oaths of Henry Wall + Ellice

Ellice x Short.

Wall (formerly Ellice Short).

Brunswick Co. D. B. 16 - 87

Indenture - 25 of Oct 1777 between Samuel Croft  
and Anne his wife, Thomas Croft + Henry Simmons  
of Brunswick and William Wade 120 S. Corn.  
land on south side W chs - 250 @, adj.  
Wm Wade, David Tucker + Bergece Wall.

w. J. Tho. Thomas

Samuel Croft

Chas King Jr.

Tho Croft

Mathew Evans

Henry Simmons

Ann Croft.

Brunswick Co. D. B. 12 - 293.

Sucanna Simmons will. 7 Nov. 1793. rec. Dec 23, 1793.  
to dau Macon Morris - slave, to gr-dau Jean Hardaway,  
slave, to gr-dau Sucanna Tilman, to gr-dau  
Mary Croft - slave - Billy, Liddy, one horse Dennis.  
gr-son John Edwards, gr-daughters Sucanna Owen,  
Martha Edwards, Mary Jones, Lucy, Elizabeth and



Jane Simmons: gr. sons, Tho, Benj, Morris +  
Henry Simmons.

Wt. John Short - andrew Short  
John Clayton Short.

Exc. Henry Morris  
Thos. Hardaway  
John Edwards

Brunswick Co. W.B. 5-521.

An Act of the Sale of Tho. Croft decd. Nov. 30, 1796.  
sold to Sterling Tucker, ~~sent~~ to Washington Croft, to  
Patty Westmoreland, Henry Inguen, ~~women~~ Evans,  
Math. King, Tho. Wall, Chas. Harris, Ely Ingram,  
Wright Tucker, Elizabeth Edwards, Jas. McKenny, Herod  
Vaughan, Gray Edwards, Jas. Bushell, John Elliott,  
Francis Evans. Recorded Feb 27, 1797.  
Washington Croft adm. Brunswick Co. W.B. 6-79.



Thomas Croft = Mary ?

will dated 1722 Issue

ended 1727

1. Son Thomas = Elizabeth - d. S.P.
2. " John of S.C. - Issue Samuel.
3. Son Samuel = Mary Bell
4. Mary
5. Elizabeth = — Edwards
6. Martha = Brantley.

Samuel (Thomas') Croft = Mary Bell (Beall.) before 1726.

lth living in 1771

1. Issue Thomas
2. Benjamin.

Thomas (Thomas', Samuel<sup>2</sup>) Croft = Elizabeth <sup>died 1792.</sup> ~~Lanier~~ (Burch)

died 1796

born after 1724 (was not

mar. aft. 1754.

named among other children

Issue:

in gr. father's will).

- 1 Washington = Mary before 1786
- 2 Elizabeth Lanier =



handed by last of Sterling Tucker sold to him by Thos.  
- Thos. Semmons line - to Thos. Tucker  
to last sold by sd ' Craft to sd Sterling Tucker  
- to Hartwell Tucker line

Sterling Tucker

David v. Jr.

June 26, 1797

Thomas Evans

D.B 17

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Washington & Polly Craft sold to Sterling  
Tucker above last (states it formerly belonged  
to Burgess Wall died.

Hartwell Tucker

Christopher Ravis

Oct 23 - 1797

David Tucker Jr.

Thos. Joley.

Burgess Wall & wife to Henry Semmons.

1783.

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Mar of 1756

D.B 6

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Pet of Rich. Bench setting forth that he was sometime  
since bound with Eliza Bench the then widow  
& relict of John Bench died for her faithful service  
of the sd decd. estate That the sd Elizabeth is  
since intermarried with one Thos. Crafts thus  
the pet. apprehends will waste the sd est & that  
he will thereby be in danger of suffering by  
means of being thus secretly an afid & prays that  
the sd Thos & Elizabeth may be obliged to give him  
certain acc. or deliver the sd est. to him for his indemnity  
whereupon It is ordered that the sd Thos. &  
Elizabeth be seen to appear at



Rich Bunch of st and Pon C & B to  
John Bunch for natural love & affection  
& falling in love to will be loved on John.  
450 a

4-7-1743

Ths. Lamer

D.B 2-269.

Henry Jones.

Sam Craft + wife 1st time 1777

Washington Craft party. 1786  
deed to Wm Short. 14-204.  
Wash + M.



**CROFT FAMILY**  
of  
Isle of Wight and Brunswick Counties  
Virginia.

Thomas Croft (Crafto) of the Upper Parish of Isle of Wight Co. bequests to loving wife Mary; son Thomas; son John, son Samuel, dau. Mary Crafto, dau. Martha Brantley, dau. Elizabeth ? (Edwards). Son Thomas and Son Samuel all my land. Oct. 29, 1722 Recorded July 24, 1727.

Wit: Tho. Hylliard, Michael Harris, Hugh Edwards.

Isle of Wight Co. Will Book 3 page 34.

Mary Briggs, to my dau. Elizabeth Thrapp L33 in hands of Col. Bridger, to my dau. Ann Crafto one pair of small stylliards and one smoothing iron, to my son Benjamin Bell. Samuel Crafto executor. March 21, 1726

Wit: James Betts, Wm. Coggan

June 26, 1727.

John Grezard

Isle of Wight Will Bk. 3, page 33.

Marriage Contract: James Briggs and Mary Bell, widow. 1723

Isle of Wight Great Book 2, page 569.

Joseph Atkinson of I. of W. tanner to Samuel Craft, planter a tract of land 216 acres. May 25, 1732

Wit: Wm. Dixon, W. Bidgood and Parnell Atkinson

Isle of Wight Deed Bk. 4, page 175-6

Bond signed by W. Bidgood, Wm. Dixon and Thomas Croft.

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Indenture Sept. 7, 1758 between Samuel Croft and Arthur Atkins both of Brunswick County -- L50 current money--- certain tract in Upper Parish of Isle of Wight--- 216 A. adj. the head of Wm. Kempe's line, formerly land of James Atkinson. ----- also another tract containing 300 A. in the said Par. and County on the north side of the main Blackwater Swamp, --a corner of Wm. Camps, to a corner of the said Crofts other land, --to Jos. Hollemans line, to Arthur Crockers line--- To Samuel Taylor s --- to a corner of Tho. Moore, -- On Ruebin Cooke and Solomon Stephenson. Signed Samuel and Ann Croft.

Wit: Benj. Pynes, Wilson Brantley

Isle of Wight Deed Bk. 10, page 30-32.

Richard Burch of St. Andrews Par. Brunswick Co. to John Burch for natural love and affection and fatherly affection to well beloved son John. 420 A.

Wit: Thomas Lanier and Henry Jones.

April 7, 1743.

Brunswick Co. Deed Bk. 2, page 269.

On motion of Elizabeth Burch who made oath according to law, certificate is granted her for obtaining letters of administration of the estate of her deceased husband John Burch,----- Richard Burch her security, entered into and acknowledged ~~him~~ according to law. Nov. Court 1753.

Brunswick Co. Order Bk 5, page 88

John Burch's Appraisal

L259"5"56 July 22, 1754

Elizabeth Craft, Administratrix

Appr.: Drury Stith, Chas. King and Morgan McKenny

Nov. 23, 1754

Brunswick Co. Will Bk. 3, page 192.



Sampson Lanier, names children Thomas, Sampson, Richard, Elizabeth Burch, Lemuel, and James,-- to wife.

Jan. 1, 1742/3

Brunswick Co. Will Bk. 2, Page 52.

Thomas and Benjamin Croft proven to be the sons of Samuel Croft in the will of Thomas Croft, who left them his estate on the death of his wife Elizabeth.

Deposition states he died in 1751 and will proven June 24, 1755.

Brunswick Co. Will Bk. 3, page 162

(This date eliminates the possibility of this Elizabeth the Wife of Thomas Croft deceased 1751 having been Elizabeth Burch the widow of John Burch.)

March Court 1756, Petition of Richard Burch setting forth that he was sometimes since bound with Elizabeth Burch the then widow and relict of John Burch decd. for her faithful administration of the sd. deceased estate, that the sd. Elizabeth is since intermarried with one Thomas Croft, who the petitioners apprehends will waste the sd. estate and that he will thereby be in danger of suffering by means of being her security as afd. and prays that the sd Thomas and Elizabeth Croft be obliged to give him counter security etc. Brunswick Co. Order Bk. 6, page 21.

Samuel Burch and Richard Lanier Plts. Vs. Richard Burch, Deft.

Oct. 24, 1768

Brunswick Co. Order Bk. XI, page 11.

Thomas Croft and wife, Plt. Vs. Samuel Burch and Lanier, Deft.

June 27, 1769

Same Ref. page 62.

Samuel Craft Plt. Vs. Samuel Burch.

July 24, 1769

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We the subscribers have this day settled all accounts and differences between us from the beginning of the world to this day and do mutually desire that all suits between us may be dismissed, each to pay his own costs. Witness our hands the 7th day of Feb. 1771. Signed Samuel Burch and Thomas Croft.

Wit.: Tho. Stith and Robt Nicholas. Brunswick Co. Deed Bk. 10, page 86.

(This Paper is Indexed under the name Henry Croft but signed Thomas Croft)

Thomas Croft to beloved wife Elizabeth negro Hannah and negro boy David and after death of my sd. wife to be equally divided between my children Washington Croft and Elizabeth Lanier Croft. Feb. 6, 1771 Rec. Feb 23, 1795

Wit. Samuel Burch, Henry Wall

Jos. Wall, Ellice Short.

This deed of gift proved by oaths of Mary Wall and Ellice Wall (formerly E. Short.

Brunswick County Deed Bk. 16, page 81.

Indenture Dec. 21, 1794, between Thomas Croft of the county of Brunswick and Washington Croft and Sterling Tucker of the County aforesaid of the other--- for love and affection following negroes etc. July 28, 1794.

Wit: Tho. Brodnax, Henry Harris

Lewis Parham

Brunswick Co. Deed Bk. 16, page 2.

Washington and Mary Croft sign a deed to William Short in 1786.

Brunswick Co Deed Bk. 14, page 204.

Acct. of the sales of Thomas Croft, deed. Nov. 30, 1796.

Washington Croft, Administrator. Recorded Feb. 27, 1797.

Brunswick Co. Will Bk. 6, page 79.